

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Sites examined:

18HA249

NRHP Eligible: ☒

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	Project Justification:	Project Objectives:
Phase II <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Phase I work was conducted at the Archer Site (18HA249) from December 1995-March 1996 prior to the proposed expansion of the Deer Creek Recreation Area in Susquehanna State Park. A second Phase I archeological survey in the vicinity of Site 18HA249 and a Phase II evaluation of Site 18HA249 were conducted in January 1999. The findings from the previous Phase I survey were summarized in the 1999 Phase I/II report.	-Determine the horizontal and vertical boundaries of the site -Determine the nature, age, and function of the site if possible -Place the site within its local and regional context -Determine if the site retains significant integrity and research potential for listing on the National Register of Historic Places
Phase III		

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Research Potential:

The Archer Site (18HA249) represents a multicomponent Late Archaic-Late Woodland prehistoric resource procurement camp, and a late 18th to early 20th century artifact scatter. The principle prehistoric occupation of the site appears to have been during the Late Archaic/Early Woodland transitional period. There is also substantial evidence for Late Woodland use of the site but less artifactual evidence for a Middle Woodland occupation (represented by a possible Mockley sherd and a Potts point). The prehistoric component of the site did not possess horizontal or vertical integrity or research potential sufficient for listing it on the National Register of Historic Places. The historic artifacts represent field scatter; the assemblage is likely associated with the occupation of the 19th century Gaughen House. The historic archeological component lacks the integrity and research potential to be a contributing element to the Lower Deer Creek Valley Historic District. No further work was recommended for the site. The site area was originally slotted for development as a day use area. However, the construction plans ultimately shifted the expansion of the Deer Creek Recreation Area away from Site 18HA249. Instead, the expansion was reduced and all of the new facilities were to be located in the immediate vicinity of the existing parking lot just north of the site. If future plans include construction activities in the area of Site 18HA249, no further archeological testing is deemed necessary.